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LAND BANKS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has advised the State Governments to create land banks to facilitate growth in accommodation and allow more commercial use of land;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the reaction of various agencies on said proposal; and

(d) the extent to which the estimated rooms will come up in the country by 2010?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b) and (c): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism has advised the State Governments to have a proactive land policy to encourage hotel accommodation by identifying suitable sites/land banks for tourism projects. As land is a State subject, necessary action in this regard has to be taken by the States themselves.

(d): Construction of hotels is a private sector activity. It is not possible to make a realistic estimate about the number of rooms that would come up in the country by 2010.